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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE — July 2023

Lavar Burton

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi UNS Members:

We had another great meeting last month. It was a Youth activity. We had 25 youth at our meeting. Robie and Cindy Cagle did a great job with the youth activities. The Youth went home with coins and books for them to start collecting, it is possible for us to get some new Club members.

Thanks to Bruce Greggs for the coin quiz, John Hinckley for news and views and Larry Kimura, Clay Riggs for the refreshments. Larry Nielsen for his mini display.

Larry Nielsen, our Medal Chairman is taking orders for our Club Medal for 2023. If you would like a set "Silver, Copper & Bronze" see him to place your order.

This month is our Picnic at Sugarhouse park. Please check this Mint Master for instructions. Hope to see you all there to have fun & enjoy each others company,

LaVar Burton President

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Meeting , 2023 July 11, 6PM

Meeting location is:

Sugarhouse Park—Salt Lake City

UNS CALENDAR FOR 2023

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Swearing in new officers Coin show info Board members intro.	Guest Speaker / TBA **Dues Renewal**	Auction No News & Views or Quiz **Dues Renewal**	Guest Speaker Ogden Coin Show/Layton **Dues Renewal**
MAY	**JUNE**	**JULY**	**AUGUST**
Club Birthday Medals Voting Club Members speaking - Favorite coin/How you got	Youth Night NUTS Coin Show 9-10	UNS Picnic	Bourse
SEPTEMBER	**OCTOBER**	**NOVEMBER**	**DECEMBER**
Successful Coin Displays David Larson	Auction No News & Views or Quiz	Guest Speaker / TBA	Christmas Dinner

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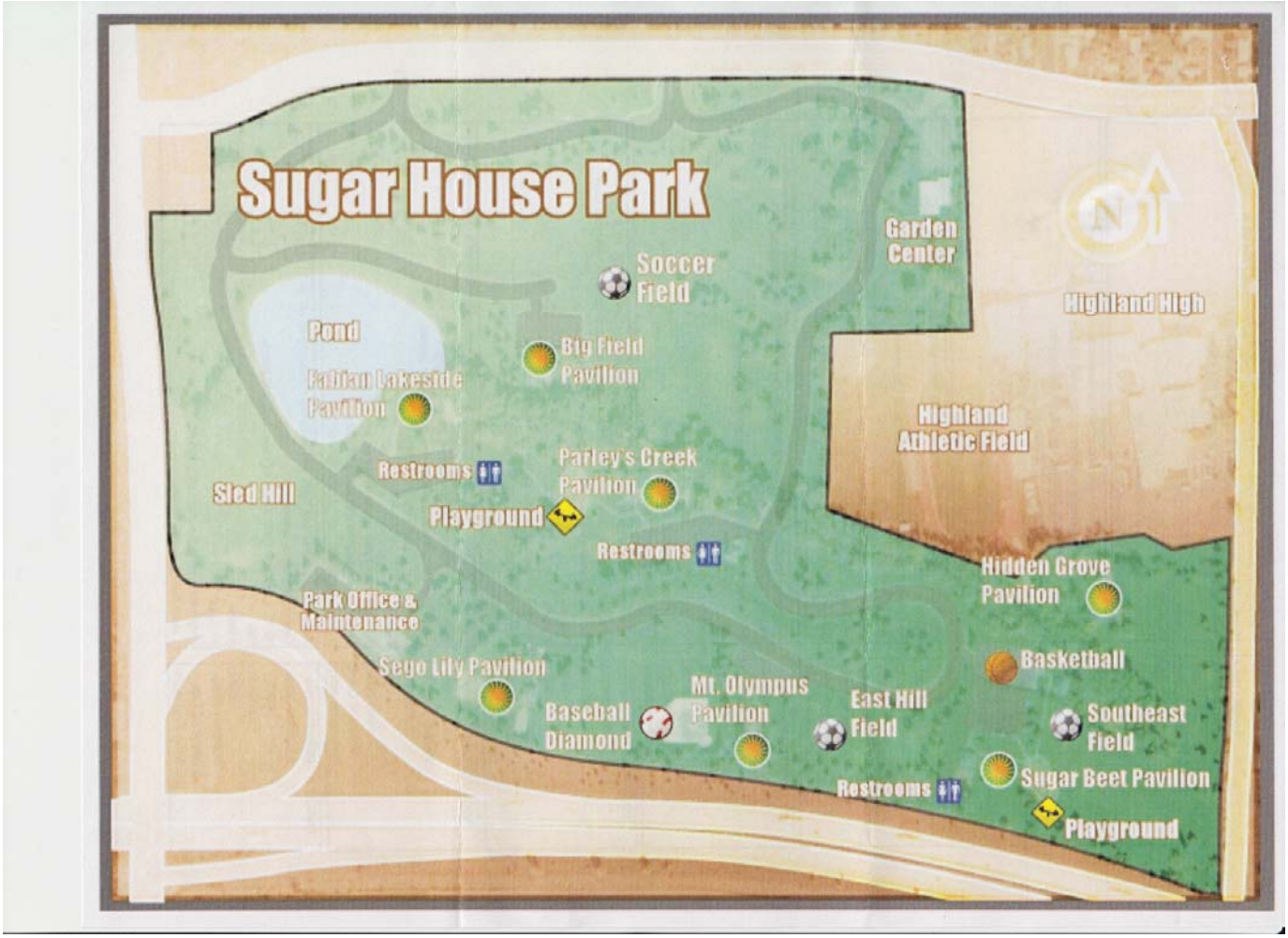
Tony Banaro

It is authored by Tony Bonaro who is an officer in the FUN Club in Florida



UNS PICNIC DETAILS

Date - Tuesday July 11

Time - 6:00 PM

Location - Sugarhouse Park / Lakeside Pavilion

- The **UNS will supply the main course and bottled water**
- **Anyone desiring something other than water are asked to bring that type of drink**
- **Members with last name A though F are asked to bring a desert**
- **Members with last name G through Z are asked to bring a salad or side dish**
- **Members should bring their own utensils, cups, plates and napkins**
- **Larry Nielsen will have his SnoCone machine**
- **There will be a coin search in a sawdust patch for the youth**

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1792 Half Disme. LM-1, Judd-7.
Rarity-4. MS-64 (PCGS).

1796 Draped Bust Half Dollar. Small Eagle.
O-101. Rarity-5-. 15 Stars. AU-58 (PCGS).

1871-CC Liberty Seated Silver Dollar. OC-1.
MS-61 (PCGS).
Just 1 Finer at PCGS. The Battle Born Specimen.

1838 Gobrecht Silver Dollar. Name Removed.
Judd-85 Restrike. Rarity-7+. Proof-66★ (NGC).
None Finer. Ex L.R. French.

1848 Liberty Head
Quarter Eagle. CAL.
MS-68★ (NGC).
None Finer at NGC or PCGS.

1830 Capped Head Left
Half Eagle. BD-1.
Rarity-6. Large D.
MS-66 (PCGS). CAC.
None Finer at PCGS or CAC.

2013 Casascius 10 Bitcoin. Firstbits 1AgRPnVg.
Gilt Silver. Specimen-68 (PCGS).
One of Just 5 at PCGS.

1815 Capped Head Left
Half Eagle. BD-1. Rarity-7.
MS-64 (PCGS).
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UNS Medals Program

This beautiful set of medals have become collectible to people who aren't even members of the UNS. In fact, many people discover the Utah Numismatic Society as a result of collecting the medals. Subscribers to the medals are from all parts of the United States, and look forward to each year's new medals.

The UNS has maintained a tradition of only portraying events or items particular to the state of Utah. At times this makes commemorating things on their anniversary date difficult, and makes everyone scratch their heads to think of what happened in Utah 50, 100, 150 or 200 years ago.

The UNS began issuing medals commemorating or displaying topics of Utah importance in 1970. Tom Tracy instigated the UNS medals program and personally financed it for several years. Initially, the medals program was to be a joint venture between the UNS and the Ogden Coin Club (OCC). When Tom received the medals, he went over to Richard Blaylock's home and the first UNS medals (bronze) were unwrapped and seen there. The first UNS medals were sold at an OCC meeting. Tom Tracy had several trial strikes of the early medals in lead, and also made special acrylic holders for the medals. These plastic holders are collectors' items in and of themselves.

These medals have been issued in various metals to be sold to club members as well as other collectors. The silver medals (until 1978) were serial numbered to allow collectors to put together a set with matching numbers. The process was not successful in later years, making sets of the same serial number difficult to find. The medals were issued during the UNS annual coin show – the first few years show the coin show dates on the medals.

In 1975 the UNS returned to Galaxie Designs, of Anaheim, CA for their medals. It is assumed that the same arrangements made for the 1970-1972 medals were made with the dies and striking of these medals. Although the products of the Lombardo Mint were superior, the club couldn't afford the extra costs involved.

The rising price of silver, and the club ordering and paying for silver medals prior to sale, put a financial strain on the medals program and caused the UNS to suspend its medals program.

In 1984 the club issued a cast pewter medal to see if there would be support for resuming the medals program. The results were overwhelmingly positive, and the club began issuing silver medals once again on a pre-paid / limited basis. The UNS was able to resume the medals program, with silver medals, without causing a financial hardship for the club.

Where possible, the designers, mints and mintages of the UNS medals are listed, as well as unofficial issues. Some of the mintages are estimates where records have been lost, or not tracked.

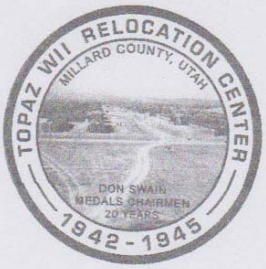
Many people wonder what constitutes a complete set of UNS medals. There are several issues that were not sold to collectors, i.e. Lead trial strikes and presentation pieces. These are not necessarily considered official medals, but are patterns. Gold-plated medals were not issued, but plated after striking, and can still be plated today. The definition of a complete set should be left up to the collector, just as in the collecting of coin varieties.

Unless otherwise noted, all medals have an approximate diameter of 1- 1/2 inch.

2023

Utah Numismatic Society

Club Medal Order From



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1927 Specimen Buffalo Nickel

Doug Nyholm

This is about a nickel that many collectors are not aware of. Even many collectors who specialize in nickels may not be aware of it due to its rarity. It isn't listed in the Red Book or for that matter in virtually any price guides. I am speaking about the 1927 Buffalo nickel graded as "Specimen." Several 1927 -P Buffalo nickels have been graded as Specimens. These nickels shocked the numismatic community when they showed up in NGS Specimen slabs in 1989. I remember that they were front page headlines

JD-1 (05875152– Courtesy PCGSCoinFacts.com

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TYPE RARITY: High R-7 DATE RARITY: High R-7 VARIETY RARITY: JD-1: High R-7
JD-1 Significant Examples
1. PCGS SP66 (37913093).
2. PCGS SP66 (43144302).
3. PCGS SP65 (05875152) **Illustrated**. Jim Halperin; Andy Lustig; Jeff Notrica; Heritage CSNS 4/29-5/3/2009 CSNS:2168 @ $47,150.
4. NGC SP65 (501105-002). Heritage via purchase by Jim Halperin at the 1989 FUN Show where he purchased 3 of the 6 known examples; Larry Whitlow; prominent Midwest collector; Teton Ranch Collection; Heritage FUN 1/4-8/2012 FUN:3097 @ $43,125.
5. NGC SP65. RARCOA Auction '90 8/10/1990 Auction '90:552 @ $11,000.
6. reported.

Coin World and everyone who saw them was in agreement with their Specimen designations. They had the appearance similar to 1936 satin finish proofs. Walter Breen wrote a letter calling them proofs.#

There are several theories as to how these coins were made. One relates to the mints engraver from 1925-1947, John R. Sinnock. He was involved with many commemorative coins of the era who also collected coins When his collection was sold there were several unofficial proof specimens of various commemorative half dollars very possibly struck specially just for his collection. Most of these, if not all of them, were completely undocumented. He was in charge of the mints engraving department in 1927 and may very well have had something to do with these special strikes.

One other theory is that these nickels were the result of a mint experiment using chromium plated dies. This was likely not meant for U.S. coinage but for a contract with Ecquador to produce pure nickel coinage for that country. Nickel is a hard and brittle metal with problems dating back to the inception of the Shield nickel in 1866 which caused problems with cracking and die life. The premise of this was related to the contract with Ecquador and potential problems striking their pure nickel coins. It is thought that by chrome plating the dies any problems could be minimized and the experiment was also very likely tested on the current Buffalo nickels.

One diagnostic of coins struck with chromium plated dies is micro-cracking on the surface of the struck coin. This characteristic is only visible under high magnification and is present on these 1927 nickels.

Presently there are six known Specimens of 1927 Buffalo nickels of which several have been sold at auction. Prices have exceeded $40,000 as they are very rare and definitely an anomaly in the Buffalo nickel series,

This is not the only oddity in the Buffalo nickel series. Two other dates which are even less known are a possible proof 1919 and 1935 coins. Finally there has been constant controversary about any 1917 proof coins of which another specimen or proof Buffalo nickel may exist.

JOHN R. SINNOCK

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1903-O Morgan Dollar

Doug Nyholm

This is a coin with a very interesting story. This coin was once considered rarer and much more expensive than the 1893-S dollar. In 1962 it was worth 10 times the price of an 1889-CC dollar and most major dealers had never seen one in uncirculated condition. It was estimated that fewer than 10 specimens existed in BU condition but all that changed in late 1962. Several vaults which had been sealed for decades were opened at the Philadelphia mint with bags of silver dollars not seen since 1929. Of the almost 4 1/2 million coins coined that year in New Orleans it was supposed that all went into the melting pot due to the Pitman Act of 1918 when over 270 million silver dollars were melted.

Then in November of 1962 bags of pristine Morgan dollars were made available to dealers and the general public in a special offering for Christmas 1962. Literally hundreds of bags of 1903-O BU Morgan dollars began flooding into the market. Estimates of as high as a million but probably closer to 350,000 is more accurate. Its place as one of the most valuable circulation strike morgans crashed and virtually every collector could afford one. This situation of a once rare coin becoming common is virtually unique especially at this scale. The 1903-O Morgan today holds the distinction of a special coin and even though not as rare as once believed has recovered some of its value and presently they list at over $700 in MS-63

One other interesting tidbit is that in 1962 there was no internet and information traveled much slower than today. The first few people and dealers who became aware that the 1903-O Morgan was no longer rare and could be obtained in bag quantities sought to take advantage of the situation. One dealer immediately acquired a full bag of them, flew to the United Kingdom and was offering them to the local dealers there and individuals and by the roll in the hopes of making a killing before the news spread. To some extent he was successful but even in 1962 the news would spread and soon unscrupulous sellers soon would be found out.

Similar events happened with several of the Morgan Carson City dates, especially the 1884 of which more than half the entire mintage was found stored in vaults but the 1903-O is definitely a coin with a story of being rare to having hundreds of thousands thrust onto the numismatic market.

JULY PRIZES

Youth: NONE
On-Time: NONE
Member: NONE

GENERAL PRIZES

FOREIGN COINS IN SAWDUST GRAB FOR THE YOUTH

PICNIC SPECIAL **********

There are no on-time, youth, or member prizes for July. We will have 20 AU/BU Franklin Half Dollars to give away. Tickets for a chance to win will still be $1 each and you can buy as many tickets as you want. There will be no Buy-of-the-Month at our picnic, but it will return in August.

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Thanks to our curator Darin Lee for these prizes.

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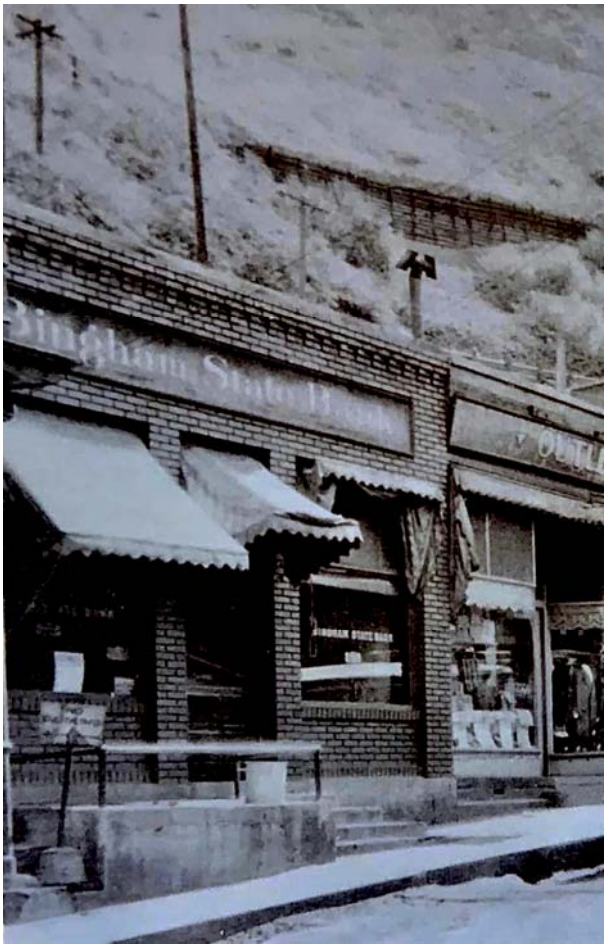
UNUSUAL BANK BAGS

Doug Nyholm



The collecting of various bank and mint bags is popular with some collectors. Most commonly collected are the cloth or canvas bags issued to a banks depositors from the 1930's to the 1960's. Most modern banks now use vinyl or plastic bags of which few are collected. Other bags commonly collected are those canvas and cloth bags used by the U.S. mint to distribute large quantities of coins from cents to dollars and even pre 1933 gold coins. The latter are presently quite rare and often valuable.

In addition to the above mentioned bags there are several other categories most of which are scarce and which I have pictured here in this article. These include leather bags usually issued by individual banks of which the larger ones were very likely intended for heavier coins or gold with the small ones probably used as a coin purse. Leather bank bags are seldomly encountered.

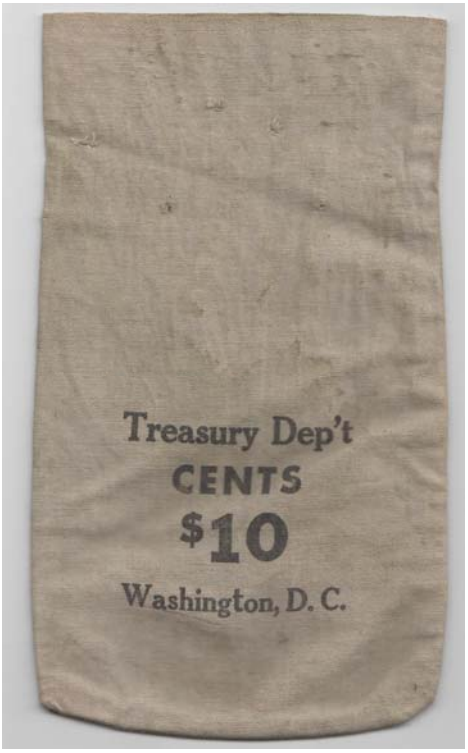
Bags other than those distributed by the mint and usually designated for a single denomination and often printed on the bag the year of issue for the coins can come in a number of formats. Shown later is simply a medium size bag which states $100 Silver. There are a couple of bags which state $10.00 Pennies issued the the Metals Bank and Trust Co. in Butte Montana and another stating Treasury Department $10.00 Cents from Washington D.C. Small denomination bags especially for cents or pennies are quite rare and why only $10 which even back in the 1930's would be a log of coins and are interesting why they were even made.

The bag shown on this page is from the Bingham State Bank in Utah and also shown is a picture of this bank which no longer is in existence.

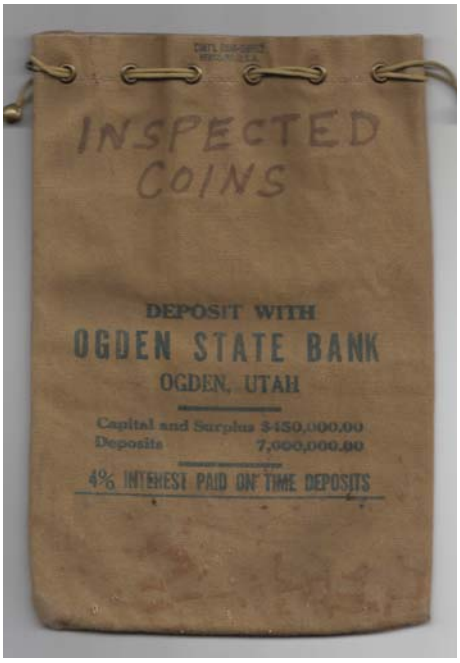
The two other leather bags, one from the Citizens National Bank in Sedalia Mo, and the coin purse size one from The First State and Savings Bank from Klamath Falls Or, are also shown. Leather bags which were stamped with the identification of the bank held up fairly well but the lettering very often is almost impossible to read.

Finally, a $1000 Gold bag from the First National Bank of the Republic in Utah is shown, The gold bags, which are extremely rare were probably not used for gifts to their depositors but rather

for storing and accounting specific quantities of gold in their vaults. These bags are all from my personal collection and like coins, tokens, or anything else numismatic are a link to the past and banking a hundred years or more ago.



Most modern mint bags for cents are for a $50 value but earlier pre-1950's cent bags were for a $20 denomination which is simply how the mint distributed cents. Tens of thousands of bags for a single year were required.

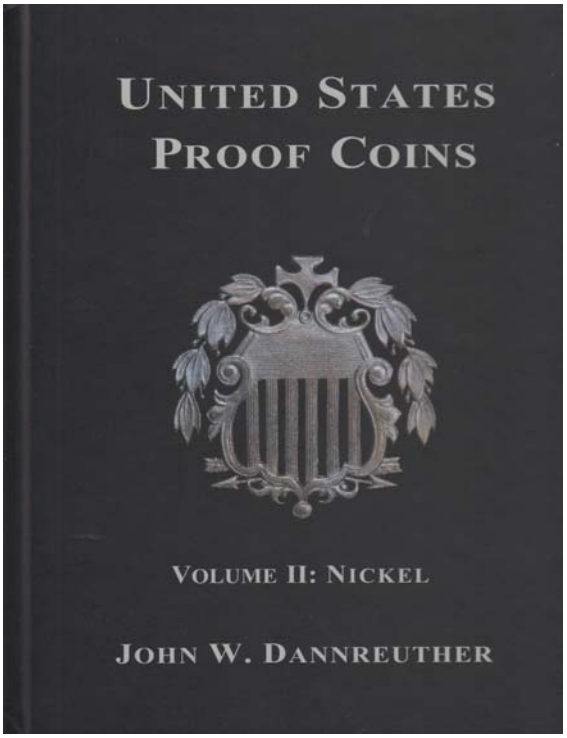


Above is a fairly common type of canvas or cloth bag usually distributed to the banks customers for general use or for deposits .

BOOK REVIEW

United State Proof Coins / Volume II: Nickel

John W. Dannreuther



This is, the second book in a series of four books regarding proof coinage by John Dannreuther.

The book is hard cover consisting of 373 pages with full color images of all the coins, some with multiple pages of information for each one. There is a very interesting 7-page write up about the 1913 Liberty Head Nickel. The first 100 pages cover all aspects of proofing and history of proofs.

The book retails for $125 and is available directly from the author, John W. Dannreuther, at orcararities.com or email request at orcararities @gmail.com.

This series of books from the author began with a 2-volume edition on U.S. gold proofs and will conclude with future editions covering both silver and copper proofs.

It is an outstandins series worthy of any numismatic library with copius amounts of information not easily found elsewhere.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

By Tony Bonaro

As a retired United States Marine, there are days when I wear a shirt or hat that says Marine Veteran or the letters U.S.M.C. Quite often someone will come up to me and say, "Thank you for your service." I appreciate the greeting. Sometimes I wonder if they really understand what they are thanking me for. I am not sure that those individuals who have never served a day in the military really know what they are thanking me for. I have come accustomed to this now and always reply with a courteous," thank you". It's nice to be appreciated for the time I spent in the service of our country. I enjoyed the Marine Corps and was proud to serve. Although millions of men and women have taken up the challenge to serve, it barely represents one percent of the American population. So, I think it is only fitting that those who did not serve have the opportunity and responsibility to thank those who did.

When it comes to saying, "Thank you for your service", no one has ever done it better than the United States Mint. The Mint has honored our military forces for many years with commemorative coins (coins with actual monetary value) and medals that honor the men and women from across America who have volunteered to stand for our freedom and our liberty. Half-dollar and one-dollar coins are made of silver, while five-dollar coins are made of gold. Medals honoring men and women who supported the armed forces are made in bronze. From the Revolutionary War to the War on Terrorism, medals and commemorative coins have been minted to acknowledge almost every conflict the United States has been required to fight for the freedom of ourselves and others.

Commemorative coins and medals portray individuals, battles, wars, groups, events, and places. Some of the coins represent well-known people and subjects, while others are known only to individuals who have a passion for history and coins together. The following paragraphs represent only a small glimpse into the numerous coins minted to say thank you. It is not possible to list and review all the commemorative coins and medals in one article.

Commemorating the Revolutionary War

The first U.S. coin commemorating and thanking people for their service was the 1900 Lafayette Dollar which has George Washington and Marquis de Lafayette together on the obverse. Besides being the first commemorative dollar coin, it was the first authorized U.S. coin to have the portrait of a U.S. President. It is a fitting tribute to two men who worked together to help win the war for a new nation.

Lexington and Concord

Children in school are taught that the first battle of the Revolutionary War were the skirmishes in Lexington and Concord. The "shot heard around the world" was remembered on one of the first commemorative half-dollars in 1925.

Black Revolutionary War Patriots

Black Patriots were African Americans who sided with the colonists who opposed British rule during the American Revolution. The term "Black Patriots" includes, but is not limited to, the 5,000 or more African Americans who served in the Continental Army and Patriot militias during the American Revolutionary War. This coin was minted as a one-dollar commemorative coin in 1998.

COMMEMORATING THE CIVIL WAR

In 1922 almost two decades after the Washington / Lafayette dollar, Ulysses S. Grant, Commanding General of the U.S. Army during the Civil War, and future President of the United States was portrayed wearing his military coat.

In 1925 the Stone Mountain Memorial half dollar was minted to recognize Confederate Army Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. The coin was designed by Gutzon Borglum and minted in 90% silver.

In addition to the generals of both the Union Army and Confederate Army commemorative coins were also minted to honor and remember the soldiers who participated in the Battle of Antietam (1937) and the Battle of Gettysburg (1936), with a Civil War Battle Fields Half dollar coin that was issued in 1995.

COMMEMORATING THE WAR OF 1812

The Star-Spangled Banner coin (2012)

Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, it also commemorates the writing of the national anthem by Francis Scott Key after the bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore in September 1814. Lady Liberty is waving the 15-star, 15-stripe Star-Spangled Banner flag.

COMMEMORATING WORLD WAR I

World War I Centennial (2018)

More than four million American families sent their sons and daughters to serve in uniform during the Great War. In all 116,516 U.S. soldiers gave their lives in combat. Another 200,000 were wounded, a casualty rate far greater than in World War II. Their heroic efforts during the Battle of Belleau Wood, the Second Battle of the Marne, and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive helped the "doughboys" from America to turn the tide of the war and ultimately led to the victory of the Allied Troops over Germany.

COMMEMORATING WORLD WAR II

D-Day Invasion of Normandy (1993) World War II 50th Anniversary (1993)

During the World War II years of 1941-1945 sixteen million American young men and women supported or fought in the battles of the South Pacific, Europe, Africa, and even Alaska. The 1991-1995 commemorative coins show an American soldier on the beach at Normandy on the obverse with the dual dates of 1991 and 1995. The second commemorative coin shows American military forces on the obverse and the coin's reverse depicts the shoulder sleeve insignia of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF), with a quotation from General Dwight Eisenhower made to the troops before the D-Day assault on Normandy on June 6, 1944.

COMMEMORATING THE KOREAN WAR CONFLICT

North Korean military forces crossed the border and drove into South Korea on 25 June 1950. In September 1950, an amphibious assault was launched at Incheon. Twenty-one countries of the United Nations eventually contributed to the UN force, with the United States providing around 90% of the military personnel.

COMMEMORATING THE VIET NAM WAR

The Viet Nam War Memorial coin was issued to honor those veterans who died in combat while serving in Viet Nam from 1 November 1955 to the fall of Saigon on 30 April 1975. More than 58,000 service members.

There have been Prisoners of War in every conflict the United States has been involved in. The Prisoner of War commemorative silver dollars pays honor to those men and women who were detained by enemy forces. Many of them, never had the opportunity to be repatriated back to the United States.

Released on July 29, 1994, the U.S. Veterans Women in Military Service one-dollar coin pays tribute to the millions of women who have and are currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

COMMEMORATING THE HEROES, THE WOUNDED, AND THE DECEASED

The commemorative coin programs of the U.S. Mint have also included those veterans who have returned from hostile activities as heroes, wounded disabled veterans, and those who were killed in action. They include the Medal of Honor recipients, all Disabled Veterans, and those veterans who were wounded or killed in action.

Medal of Honor

Disabled American Veterans

Purple Heart

COMMEMORATING THE BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES

Each branch of the Armed Forces also has its own commemorative coin to honor the millions of men and women who have had the privilege of wearing their respective uniforms.

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U.S. Army

U.S. Marine Corps

U.S. Navy

U.S. Air Force

U.S. Coast Guard

The U.S. Mint has also used its resources to produce additional commemorative coins and bronze medals that give special tribute to various Generals, Military Installations, and U.S. Naval Vessels. The Mint has also recognized groups of men and women within and outside of the U.S. military who significantly contributed to the victories we achieved in war.

BRONZE MEDAL TO UNITS FIGHTING FOR UNITED STATES

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CODE TALKERS OF WW II

Every WWII combatant appreciated the need for an unbreakable code that would help them communicate while protecting their operational plans. The U.S. Marines knew where to find one: the Navajo Nation. Marine Corps leadership selected 29 Navajo men, the Navajo Code Talkers, who created a code based on the complex, unwritten Navajo language. The code primarily used word association by assigning a Navajo word to key phrases and military tactics. This system enabled the Code Talkers to translate three lines of English in 20 seconds, not 30 minutes as was common with existing code-breaking machines.

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The success of the Navajo Code Talkers led to other Native America Tribes sending additional warriors to help the American effort during the war. In total, over thirty different tribes participated in a combat role. In recognition of their bravery and commitment to freedom and liberty, the U.S. Mint has produced a bronze medal for each tribe.

CODE TALKER TRIBES FROM THE UNITED STATES

Cheyenne River Sioux
Rosebud Sioux
Choctaw Nation
Navajo Nation
Comanche Nation
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Oneida Nation
Tonto Apache Tribe
Fort Peck Assiniboine
Sautee Sioux
Osage Nations
Segis Mohawk Tribe
Tlingit Tribe
Kiawa Tribe
Yankton Sioux Tribe
Cherokee Nation
Oglala Sioux
Crow Nation
White Mountain Apache
Ho Chunk Nation
Seminole Nation
Ponca Tribe
Muscogee Creek Tribe
Pueblo of Laguna
Pawnee Nation
Lakota Tribe
Menominee Tribe
Meskwaki Nation
Hopi Tribe
Crow Creek
Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Sioux Tribe

VOLUNTEER UNITS

Puerto Rico

The 65th Infantry Regiment has a long history of military service to the United States that began shortly after the acquisition of Puerto Rico from Spain. During World War II, the 65th served in the Panama Canal Zone before deploying to Europe and arriving in North Africa in April 1944. The unit arrived in Korea in 1950. The 65th arrived in Pusan on September 23 and it became necessary to utilize elements of the 65th in combat missions on September 28. Elements of the 65th relieved a battalion of the 9th Infantry Regiment in a successful attack on a hill defended by entrenched North Korean Army forces.

Chinese American

As many as 20,000 Chinese-Americans served in every theater of war, as well as every branch of service, during WWII. The Chinese-American WWII Veterans Recognition Medal honors and celebrates the military service of Chinese-Americans who served as WWII U.S. armed service members. The obverse of the medal's design depicts Chinese-American servicemen and a nurse, representing all U.S. service branches in WWII.

Filipino Veterans of WW II

During World War II, more than 260,000 Filipino and Filipino American soldiers answered President Franklin D. Roosevelt's call to defend the United States and the Philippines during World War II. They conducted secret operations against the occupying Japanese forces throughout the war. The bravery and sacrifice of these soldiers were integral to American success in the Philippines and victory in the Pacific.

Nisei Soldiers of WW II

On June 12, 1942, the 100th Infantry Battalion was activated. The 100th was a racially segregated unit, comprised of more than 1,400 second-generation Japanese Americans, known as Nisei. The 100th Infantry Battalion participated in the 442nd Infantry Regiment's daring rescue of the U.S. Army "Lost Battalion" in October 1944. This successful rescue stands as just one of many accomplishments in the unit's brave history. Composed almost entirely of Japanese Americans, the 100th Infantry Battalion is among some of the most decorated units of its size in American history.

Tuskegee Airman

From 1941-1946, some 1,000 Black pilots were trained at Tuskegee, Alabama. The Airmen's success in escorting bombers during World War II had one of the lowest loss records of all the escort fighter groups. There was a constant demand for their services by all allied bomber units. The Tuskegee Airmen flew more than 15,000 sorties between May 1943 and June 1945. Bomber crews often requested to be escorted by these "Red Tails," a nickname acquired from the painted tails of Tuskegee fighter planes, which were a distinctive deep red. Sixty-six Tuskegee Airmen died in combat.

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Women Air Force Service Pilots

WASP was created on Aug. 5, 1943. In the 16 months, WASP existed, more than 25,000 women applied for training; only 1,879 candidates were accepted. Among them, 1,074 successfully completed the grueling program at Avenger Field. WASP flew every aircraft in the Army's arsenal. In addition to ferrying, they towed gunnery targets, transported equipment and non-flying personnel, and flight-tested aircraft that had been repaired before the men were allowed to fly them again. For over two years, the WASP went on to serve at more than 120 bases around the country.

MERCHANT MARINERS OF WORLD WAR II

There were 243,000 Merchant Mariners that supported the American forces in WW II, and 9,521 perished while serving—a higher proportion of those killed than any other branch of the US military. There were 733 Merchant Marine ships sunk due to enemy attacks, and the Japanese captured 609 mariners as prisoners of war. The Germans and Japanese sank six ships manned by the Merchant Marines in 1941 before Pearl Harbor, making mariners some of the first American casualties of the war.

SAYING THANK YOU IS A CHOICE AND A PRIVILEGE

Saying “Thank you for your service” is a personal way of recognizing those men and women who have so gallantly and professionally performed their responsibilities and duties. I believe it not only gives each veteran a sense of pride for a job well done, but it also helps the individual who rendered the greeting, understand, that without military veterans, there is no freedom to say thank you. Regardless of how you look at it, the U.S. Government, through the U.S. Mint, has done an excellent job of saying, “Thank you for your service.”

Expert Questions

1. Before Great Britian went to decimal coinage how many pennies were in a pound?

A) 100 **B) 120**

C) 240 **D) 360**

2. How many countries are in the Eurozone?

A) 8 **B) 9**

C) 10 **D) 11**

3. What was the last year that tin was used in an American coin?

A) 1857 **B) 1909**

C) 1945 **D) 1982**

4. Was manganese ever used in U.S. coinage?

A) Yes **B) No**

5. Which of the following years were true Proofs struck?

A) 1965 **B) 1966**

C) 1967 **D) 1968**

6. In 1853 why were arrows not added to Silver Dollars?

A) Their weight was already correct **B) It was a mint error**

C) It was an omission in the law **D) No dollars were struck in 1853**

7. Open and Closed 3's in the date 1873 are not known for the following coin(s)?

A) Shield Nickels **B) Silver 3-cent coins**

C) Trade Dollars **D) Seated Dollars**

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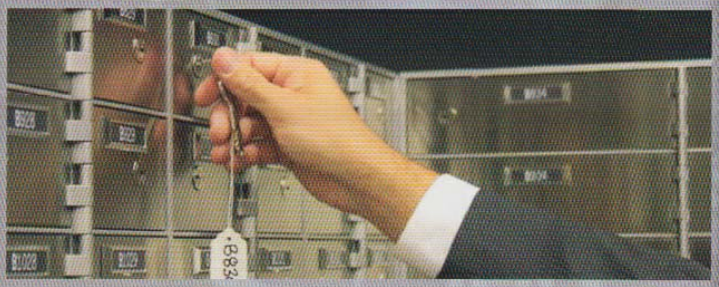

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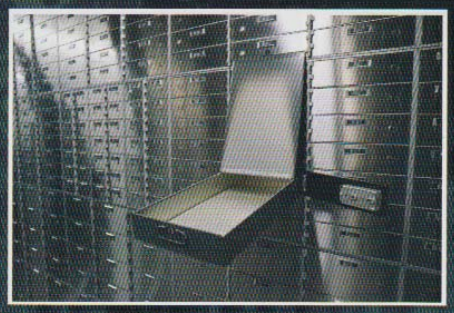

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

This July Mint Master is chocked full of information. Included is a 10-page article written by Tony Bonaro who is an officer in the FUN organization in Florida. He recently joined the UNS and we are grateful to have him as a member. This is a great article regarding the many coins and medals issued by the U.S. Mint to honor and recognize our military personal and its history.

There is also a map and information about this months USN picnic to be held at Sugarhouse Park. Remember, it begins at 6 PM and I hope to see all of you there.

I have also written an article about one of my favorite coins. This is the 1927 Buffalo nickel graded Specimen by NGC. Presently there are six known examples and it is a very special coin.

I was able to attend the recent coin show in Sandy and the token auction held by Bob Campbell. I only bid on one lot but was able to win it. It was a leather pouch made to store the red and blue OPC tokens used during WWII. These tokens were used to make exact change when a person bought food with ration stamps. The red ones were used for meats and fats while the blue ones were for processed foods. I have seen these tokens many times and some people actually collect full sets according to variety. Neither I, not Bob Campbell, had ever seen one of these storage coin purse type of wallet used for them. It had two sides each with a snap, one identified for Red Tokens, the other for Blue Tokens.

I enjoy collecting not only coins but odd and interesting items for which I have a very full curio cabinet full of similar items. A couple of similar items is a book for S&H Green stamps, A book for stamps sold at school for children which when full could be turned in for a $25 US Savings Bond, and an Indian arrowhead that I found at Custers Battlefield as a young Boy Scout on a field trip.

I do believe that us collectors have a special gene in our makeup that drives us.

Sincerely,

Doug Nyholm

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Quiz Answers

1. **C**
2. **B**
3. **D Lincoln copper cent**
4. **Yes, War Nickels**
5. **B and D. 2 proof nickels were struck with the initials FS and presented to Felix Schlag**
6. **C**
7. **B, C & D In 1873 only a Closed 3 coin was struck for the silver 3 cent coin in proof only.**